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Request For Proposal **Cover Page**

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Solicitation Number:

RFP ED06-0031

Solicitation Due Date / Time: January 25, 2006, at 3:00 P.M. Mountain Standard Time

Submittal Location:

Arizona Department of Education Procurement Section/3rd Floor

1535 West Jefferson Street, Bin #37

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Description of Procurement: Improve student access to Assistive Technology (AT) devices, services and

strategies statewide in Arizona's public education agency.

A Pre-Offer Conference will not be held in conjunction with this procurement.

In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2534, competitive sealed proposals for the materials or services specified will be received by the Arizona Department of Education's Contracts Management Unit at the above specified location until the time and date cited. Offers received by the correct time and date will be opened and the name of each Offeror will be publicly read.

Offers must be in the actual possession of the Arizona Department of Education's Contracts Management Unit on or prior to the time and date, and at the submittal location indicated above. Late offers will not be considered.

Offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope or package with the Solicitation Number and the Offeror's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope or package. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Additional instructions for preparing an offer are included in this Solicitation.

Persons with disabilities may request special accommodations such as interpreters, alternate formats, or assistance with physical accessibility. Requests for special accommodations must be made with 72 hours prior notice. Such requests are to be addressed to the Solicitation Contact Person or Procurement Officer.

OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION. and alicka

Richard Adickes

Procurement Officer

(602) 364-2517

Telephone Number

12/08/2005

Date

OFFER AND AWARD



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OFFER

The Undersigned hereby offers and agrees to furnish the materials, service(s) or construction in compliance with all the terms, conditions, specifications and amendments in the solicitation.

Company Name			Nan	ne of Person Authoriz	ed to Sign Offer
Street Address			Title of Auth	orized Person	
City Telephone Number:	State	Zip Code	Signature of Facsimile N	f Authorized Person	Date of Offer
Offeror's Arizona Tran	saction (Sales) F	Privilege Tax Licen			
Offeror's Federal Emp	loyer Identification	on Number:			
Acknowledgement of Acknowledges (Offeror acknowledges ment(s) to the Solicita related documents number 1	s receipt of amer tion for Offers an	nd- d	nent No. Date	Amendment No.	Date
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		State of	Arizona		
	Awarded this	sday o	f	2006	
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SECTION 1 SCOPE OF WORK

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 Background: Please see exhibit section for information on the vision as described by the Arizona AT Leadership Focus group and a description of the ongoing services provided by an agency contracted through ADE.

This request is for a supported, organized, outcome driven infrastructure that will build capacity statewide towards best practice service delivery in Assistive Technology. The driving goal is that all students and personnel will have access to the appropriate assistive technology, including no tech through high tech, strategies, hardware, software, training, support and resource. This infrastructure will impact students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans) and potentially students exposed to universal design for learning. Also included in the infrastructure is a mechanism to train personnel at the PEA (Public Education Agency) level, regional AT expert level and state expert level, thereby providing expertise statewide to ensure that all students statewide have access to the AT services and strategies that they need. The training strategy will include collaboration with the ongoing efforts for face to face learning with the addition of a hybrid of face to face and distance learning opportunities. The target audience includes classroom, administrative and related service personnel in general education and special education. AT training, technical assistance and resource services are currently free to schools in Arizona: this RFP includes a proposal for a financially sound strategy asking that the districts make a financial contribution to both support the costs of the service delivery and demonstrate commitment to assistive technology in the schools. It is anticipated that the financial output from the schools will be imposed gradually and not exclude any districts that have been receiving 'free' services.

A statewide strengths and needs assessment will drive the program development. Extensive attention will be targeted to personnel in the outlying areas statewide with the end goal being equal access to technology and expertise for students statewide. This will be reflected in a knowledge hierarchy including increased capacity at the PEA level, regional experts and statewide experts to collaborate to enhance student achievement using Assistive Technology. The service delivery infrastructure will include distance learning opportunities supplemented by face to face interactions, a comprehensive web page and collaboration with ongoing existing services ex. ASSET (Arizona School Services through Educational Technology at http://www.asset.asu.edu), ADE calendar, university training opportunities, and the ongoing training, technical assistance and resource project under the ADE. It is expected that the web environment and interagency collaboration be in place while the needs assessment is conducted: Program revisions will be made based on the needs assessment.

It is strongly recommended that the response to this RFP demonstrate collaboration between agencies, including the agency providing the ongoing activities, ASSET, existing on-line and distance education entities, existing AT service providers in Arizona, Arizona Universities, DDD, RSA, Foundation for Blind Children, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind, etc.

- 2. **Scope of Work.** The Contractor(s) will provide to the public education agencies training, technical assistance and resource in the following areas:
 - A. Conduct a comprehensive statewide needs assessment for Assistive Technology. This information gathering will reveal base line knowledge and service delivery in all aspects of AT, identification of individual and district strengths and needs, understanding of interventions that have been successful, recognition of potential AT coaches and mentors statewide, AT inventories throughout the state, interagency cooperation and collaboration and all perceived relevant information re: AT service delivery statewide. This activity will reveal base line knowledge about AT statewide including the kind of assistance the PEAs (Public Education Agencies) need and want to build capacity. An anticipated outcome is the development of an infrastructure to ensure that all classroom and related service personnel have capacity to meet student needs.

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- 1) Analyze and prepare a written report on data compiled from the statewide strengths and needs assessment re: district capacity to provide AT services.
- 2) Include a mechanism to use data collection with computation to project statewide expectations for what training and expertise can be accomplished in a one year and five year plan. It is anticipated that the infrastructure will be aligned with the visions of the AT Leadership Focus Group (each school will be able to meet the needs of mot of the students with district-wide AT Specialist, regional AT Specialists and state AT Specialists to assist with the more challenging cases). Full range of learning and support opportunities will be in place to allow this to happen seamlessly.
- 3) Review current Arizona AT websites and include recommendations for a site aligned with the proposed service delivery. This may include but is not limited to 1) a list and description of the hardware and software in the loan closets, 2) hardware and software not available in Arizona that could be secured for exploration periods, 3) a current complete schedule of classes, class descriptions, on-line training materials and links to other web sites providing online training, research and product information, 4) information about respected out of state resources, 5) discussion and chat rooms for interest related areas (not to compete with the QIAT list serve) and 6) an area where Arizona viewers can pose AT questions.
- 4) Submit a report to the ADE by December 31, 2006 with recommendations for a statewide delivery system (for training, technical assistance, resource, statewide purchasing, communication/information sharing) identified in the statewide needs assessment.
- B. Collaborate with ongoing programs in Arizona that are providing AT services including but not limited to Northern Arizona University AT Certificate Program, Southwest Human Development, Arizona Technology Access Program, AT Leadership Focus Group and ADE Support Cadre.
- C. Utilize ongoing online environments (or create and/or adapt as necessary) to provide AT training to build capacity for Assistive Technology in the outlying areas. The optimum program will have a combination of distance learning with limited face to face experiences. Collaborate with the agency providing face to face training for foundation level, core level and in-depth concentration classes. This may be an interim intervention (date of contract award through June 30, 2006) and will be reconfigured pending the results of the needs assessment.
- D. Collaborate with other state agencies and other Department of Educations nationally to form group buying opportunities so that Arizona PEAs will have bulk purchase pricing for hardware and software.
- E. Describe a process for developing a proposed business plan to ensure the continuation of AT training, technical assistance and resource that is financially self sustaining and does not cause undue expense to the PEAs. This plan will have a target implementation date of July 1, 2007 and include ALL statewide AT services and activities for Assistive Technology training, technical assistance and resource (please see activities described in the exhibit for ongoing training and technical assistance and review the AT resource center information at www.swhd.org). It is anticipated that the financial output from the schools will be imposed gradually and will not exclude any districts that have previously been receiving the 'free' services.
- F. The contractor(s) will have the requisite experience and expertise to provide the services set forth in the scope of work. Staffing will include professionals and support staff to provide training and resource as described.

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3. Contractor responsibilities:

- A. The Contractor(s) shall provide the services described in the Scope of Work.
- B. The Contractor and ADE AT Specialist will collaborate at least once a month for updates re: activities in scope of work.

4. ADE Responsibilities:

- A. ADE AT Specialist will meet with Contractor (s) as described above.
- B. ADE AT Specialist will support activities described in scope of work.

5. Reports:

- A. A mid project report will be submitted July 31, 2006
- B. Complete the reports as described in the scope of work upon completion of the activity or no later than the dates included:
 - 1) Submit a report to the ADE by December 31, 2006 with recommendations for a statewide delivery system (for training, technical assistance, resource, statewide purchasing, communication/information sharing) identified in the statewide needs assessment.
 - 2) Describe a process for developing a proposed business plan to ensure the continuation of AT training, technical assistance and resource that is financially self sustaining and does not cause undue expense to the PEAs. This plan will have a target implementation date of July 1, 2007
- C. An Annual Evaluation and Completion Report including both narrative and fiscal information is due no later than 30 days after the end of each year, i.e. July 31.

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- 1. **Definition of Terms Used in these Special Terms and Conditions.** As used in these Special Terms and Conditions, the following terms, in addition to those terms defined in Section 3, Paragraph 1, have the following meaning:
 - A. "ADE" means the Arizona Department of Education.
 - B. "Department" means the Arizona Department of Education.
 - C. "Services" means services performed, workmanship and material furnished or used in the performance of services.

2. Changes.

- A. The Procurement Officer may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make mutually acceptable changes within the general scope of this Contract in any one or more of the following:
 - Description of services to be performed;
 - 2) Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.); and
 - 3) Place of performance of the services.
- B. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this Contract, whether or not changed by the order, the Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price, the delivery schedule, or both, and shall modify the contract.
- C. The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this provision within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the Procurement Officer decides that the facts justify it, the Procurement Officer may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the Contract.
- D. If the Contractor's proposal includes the cost of property made obsolete or excess by the change, the Procurement Officer shall have the right to prescribe the manner of the disposition of the property.
- E. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under the Contract Claims provision of this Contract. However, nothing in this provision shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

3. Indemnification.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of or recovered under the

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Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such contractor to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that Contractor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. In consideration of the award of this contract, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the State of Arizona.

This indemnity shall not apply if the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.

4. Insurance.

Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract, are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The *insurance requirements* herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this contract by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

A. <u>MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE:</u> Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below.

1) Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and broad form contractual liability.

•	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
•	Products – Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000
•	Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
•	Blanket Contractual Liability – Written and Oral	\$1,000,000
•	Fire Legal Liability	\$ 50,000
•	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

- a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor".
- b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

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2) Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability

Workers' Compensation Statutory
Employers' Liability
Each Accident \$ 500,000
Disease – Each Employee \$ 500,000
Disease – Policy Limit \$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- b. This requirement shall not apply to: Separately, EACH contractor or subcontractor exempt under A.R.S. § 23-901, AND when such contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver (Sole Proprietor/Independent Contractor) form.
- B. <u>ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:</u> The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, the following provisions:
 - The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees wherever additional insured status is required such additional insured shall be covered to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor, even if those limits of liability are in excess of those required by this Contract.
 - 2) The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to all other available sources.
 - 3) Coverage provided by the Contractor shall not be limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Contract.
- C. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION: Each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this Contract shall provide the required coverage and shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the State of Arizona. Such notice shall be sent directly to the person named in paragraph XX of this section and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- D. <u>ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS:</u> Insurance is to be placed with duly licensed or approved non-admitted insurers in the state of Arizona with an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.
- E. <u>VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE:</u> Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at or prior to commencement of work under this Contract and remain in effect for the duration of the project. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract, or to provide evidence of

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renewal, is a material breach of contract.

All certificates required by this Contract shall be sent directly to the person named in paragraph 20.C of this section. The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time. DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA'S RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION.

- F. <u>SUBCONTRACTORS:</u> Contractors' certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall furnish to the State of Arizona separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum requirements identified above.
- G. <u>APPROVAL:</u> Any modification or variation from the *insurance requirements* in this Contract shall be made by the Department of Administration, Risk Management Section, whose decision shall be final. Such action will not require a formal Contract amendment, but may be made by administrative action.
- H. **EXCEPTIONS:** In the event the Contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a Certificate of Self-Insurance. If the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university, none of the above shall apply.
- 5. Contract Term. The term of this Contract shall commence on the date the Procurement Officer signs the Offer and Acceptance Form, signifying ADE's acceptance of the Offeror's proposal and will remain in effect through June 30, 2007, unless terminated, canceled, or extended as otherwise provided herein.
- 6. Option to Extend the Term of the Contract.
 - A. ADE may, at its sole option, extend the term of this Contract by written notice to the Contractor within sixty (60) calendar days of the Contract expiration date.
 - B. If ADE exercises this option, the extended Contract shall be considered to include this option provision as well as all other terms and conditions of the original contract, as modified.
 - C. The total duration of this Contract, including the exercise of any options under this provision, shall not exceed five (5) years from the effective date of the contract..
- 7. **Pricing.** All pricing shall be firm, fixed and be inclusive of all labor, equipment, materials, products, freight (FOB Destination), consumable supplies, insurance, and all other costs incidental to the services provided.

8. Price Adjustments.

- A. The Procurement Officer may review a fully documented request for a price increase only after the Contract has been effect for one year. Any requested increase(s) shall be based on a cost increase to the Contractor that was clearly unpredictable at the time of the Offer and is directly correlated to the price of the services contractually covered. A price increase adjustment shall only be considered at the time of a Contract extension and shall be a factor in the extension review process.
- B. All written requests for price adjustments made by the Contractor shall be initiated at least 90 calendar days in advance of any desired price increase. The 90 calendar days advance notice is

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required to allow the Procurement Officer sufficient time to make a fair and equitable determination to any such request.

- C. The Procurement Officer shall determine whether the requested price increase or an alternate option is in the best interest of the State.
- 9. Removal of Contractor Personnel. The Contractor agrees to utilize only experienced, responsible and capable employees in the performance of the work. ADE may require that the Contractor remove from the job, by this Contract, employees who endanger person or property or whose continued employment under this Contract is, in the opinion of ADE, not justified due to unacceptable performance of duties, or is inconsistent with the interests of ADE.
- 10. Employment of State Personnel. The Contractor shall not employ any person or persons in the employ of the State of Arizona for any work required by the terms of this Contract, without prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

11. Warranty of Services.

- A. The Contractor warrants that all services provided hereunder will conform to the requirements of the Contract, including all descriptions, specifications and attachments made a part of this Contract. ADE's acceptance of services or goods provided by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor from its obligations under this warranty.
- B. In addition to its other remedies, ADE may, at the Contractor's expense, require prompt correction of any services failing to meet the Contractor's warranty herein. Services corrected by the Contractor shall be subject to all the provisions of this Contract in the manner and to the same extent as services originally furnished hereunder.
- 12. Ownership. All deliverables and/or other products of this Contract (including, but not limited to, all software documentation, reports, records, summaries and other matter and materials prepared or developed by the Contractor specifically for this Contract) shall be the sole, absolute and exclusive property of ADE, free from any claim or retention of rights thereto on the part of the Contractor, its agents, subcontractors, officers, or employees, with the exception of third party proprietary software packages which may be procured under this or separate agreement.
- 13. Inclusive Offeror. Offeror(s) are encouraged to make every effort to utilize subcontractors that are small, women-owned and/or minority owned business enterprises. Offerors who are committing a portion of their work to such subcontractors shall do so by identifying the type of service and work to be performed by providing detail concerning your organization's utilization of small, women-owned and/or minority business enterprises. Emphasis should be placed on specific areas that are subcontracted and percentage of contract utilization and how this effort will be administered and managed, including reporting requirements.
- 14. Cooperation with Other Contractors and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall fully cooperate with other ADE contractors, subcontractors and assigns and shall carefully plan and perform its own work to accommodate the work of other ADE contractors. The Contractor shall not intentionally commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work by any other ADE contractors.
- **15. Non-exclusive Status.** ADE reserves the right to have the same or similar services provided by other than the Contractor.

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16. Transition Activities.

- A. Upon the expiration of this Contract, ADE anticipates a continued need for the Contracted services specified herein. In the event that a contract is awarded to a new contractor, there shall be a transition of service period. During this period, the outgoing Contractor shall work closely with the new Contractor's personnel and/or ADE staff to ensure a smooth and complete transfer of duties and responsibilities.
- B. All transition activities will be coordinated by ADE's authorized representative(s). A transition plan will be developed in conjunction with the outgoing Contractor to assist the new Contractor and/or ADE staff to implement the transfer of duties.
- C. ADE reserves the right to determine which projects nearing completion will remain with the outgoing Contractor.

17. Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited

Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under this contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or "overhead" services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers. Offerors shall declare all anticipated offshore services in the proposal.

18. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act:

The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the contractor shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of contractor and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the contractor and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor.

19. Payments.

- A. The Contractor shall submit invoices in one (1) original and one (1) copy. Invoices shall include:
 - 1) Name and address of the Contractor.
 - 2) Invoice date.
 - 3) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).
 - 4) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.
 - 5) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, prompt payment discount terms).

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- Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the Contract or in a proper notice of assignment).
- 7) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice.
- 8) Any other information or documentation required by the Contract (such as evidence of shipment).
- B. In the case of a Labor Hour Contract, the Contractor's invoices shall identify the individual's personal name, number of hours worked by date, hourly rate, and a brief statement detailing the work performed. Travel and/or per diem must be itemized and supported with receipts. Unauthorized deviations may result in disapproval of the invoice(s), or reduction in payment until the required support documentation is provided.
- C. Submittal of an invoice constitutes Contractor's certification that services have been delivered as specified on the invoice in accordance with the Contract.
- D. Submit invoices to the following address:

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Address to which Award Form.	Contractor	payment(s)	should	be m	nailed,	, if d	ifferent	than	that	listed	on	the	Offer	and
	-	(0	Compan	y Nar	ne)									
	(Street Ad				ess)									
	(C	City & State)			(Zip (Code)							

20. Contract Administration

A.	Contractor representative to contact for contract administration purposes:
	(Name and Title)
	(Street Address)

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(City & State)	(Zip Code)
(Telephone & F	acsimile Numbers)
(E-Mai	I Address)

B. The ADE representative to contact for technical or programmatic matters concerning contract performance (NOTE: this person is <u>not</u> authorized to direct contractor performance or make changes in contract requirements.)

Froma Cummings, Assistive Technology Specialist 1535 W. Jefferson, #24 Phoenix, AZ 85007 E-Mail: Froma.Cummings@azed.gov

C. All contract administration matters will be managed by the Procurement Officer named below. All correspondence concerning this contract shall be directed to this individual.

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- **1. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:
 - A. "Attachment" means any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
 - B. "Contract" means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Final Proposal Revisions; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.
 - C. "Contract Amendment" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
 - D. "Contractor" means any person who has a Contract with the State.
 - E. "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified
 - F. "Exhibit" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
 - G. "Gratuity" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.
 - H. "Materials" means all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.
 - I. "Procurement Officer" means the person duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract or their designee.
 - J. "Services" means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.
 - K. "Subcontract" means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
 - L. "State" means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.
 - M. "State Fiscal Year" means the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30.

2. Contract Interpretation.

A. <u>Arizona Law</u>. The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.

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- B. <u>Implied Contract Terms</u>. Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- C. <u>Contract Order of Precedence</u>. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
 - 1) Special Terms and Conditions;
 - Uniform Terms and Conditions;
 - 3) Statement or Scope of Work;
 - 4) Specifications;
 - 5) Attachments;
 - 6) Exhibits;
 - 7) Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- D. <u>Relationship of Parties.</u> The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.
- E. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- F. <u>No Parol Evidence</u>. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.
- G. <u>No Waiver</u>. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

3. Contract Administration and Operation.

- A. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.
- B. <u>Non-Discrimination</u>. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 99-4 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- C. <u>Audit</u>. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by

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the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.

- D. <u>Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing</u>. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract. The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.
- E. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.
- F. <u>Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract</u>. The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
- G. <u>Property of the State</u>. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.
- Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to Н. copyright, invention, trademark trade name, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this Contract and any related subcontract ("Intellectual Property"), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this Contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s). Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor(s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by Contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this Contract.

4. Costs and Payments.

A. <u>Payments</u>. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.

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B. <u>Delivery</u>. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destinations.

C. <u>Applicable Taxes</u>.

- 1) Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.
- 2) <u>State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes</u>. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.
- 3) <u>Tax Indemnification</u>. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.
- 4) <u>IRS W9 Form</u>. In order to receive payment, the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.
- 5) Availability of Funds for the Next State Fiscal Year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.
- 6) <u>Availability of Funds for the Current State Fiscal Year</u>. Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:
 - Accept a decrease in price offered by the Contactor;
 - b. Cancel the Contract;
 - c. Cancel the Contract and re-solicit the requirements.

5. Contract Changes.

A. <u>Amendments</u>. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the Procurement Officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.

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- B. <u>Subcontracts</u>. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this Contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- C. <u>Assignment and Delegation</u>. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

6. Risk and Liability.

- A. <u>Risk of Loss</u>. The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.
- B. <u>General Indemnification</u>. To the extent permitted by A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, the State of Arizona shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Contractor for its vicarious liability as a result of entering into this Contract. Each party to this Contract is responsible for its own negligence.

C. <u>Indemnification</u>.

- 1) <u>Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency)</u>. The parties to this Contract agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this Contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its own negligence. Each party to this Contract is responsible for its own negligence.
- Public Agency Language Only. Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers.
- 3) Indemnification Patent and Copyright. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the Contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, this section shall not apply.

D. Force Majeure.

1) Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an

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occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

- 2) Force Majeure shall <u>not</u> include the following occurrences:
 - a. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;
 - b. Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or
 - c. Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.
- If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.
- 4) Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.
- E. <u>Third Party Antitrust Violations</u>. The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

7. Warranties.

- A. <u>Liens</u>. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.
- B. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:
 - 1) Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
 - 2) Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;
 - 3) Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;

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- 4) Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
- Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.
- C. <u>Fitness</u>. The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- D. <u>Inspection/Testing</u>. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7A through 7C of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.

E. Year 2000.

- Notwithstanding any other warranty or disclaimer of warranty in this Contract, the Contractor warrants that all products delivered and all services rendered under this Contract shall comply in all respects to performance and delivery requirements of the specifications and shall not be adversely affected by any date-related data Year 2000 issues. This warranty shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract. In addition, the defense of *force majeure* shall not apply to the Contractor's failure to perform specification requirements as a result of any date-related data Year 2000 issues.
- 2) Additionally, notwithstanding any other warranty or disclaimer of warranty in this Contract, the Contractor warrants that each hardware, software, and firmware product delivered under this Contract shall be able to accurately process date/time data (including but not limited to calculation, comparing, and sequencing) from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and the years 1999 and 2000 and leap year calculations, to the extent that other information technology utilized by the State in combination with the information technology being acquired under this Contract properly exchanges date-time data with it. If this Contract requires that the information technology products being acquired perform as a system, or that the information technology products being acquired perform as a system in combination with other State information technology, then this warranty shall apply to the acquired products as a system. The remedies available to the State for breach of this warranty shall include, but shall not be limited to, repair and replacement of the information technology products delivered under this Contract. In addition, the defense of force majeure shall not apply to the failure of the Contractor to perform any specification requirements as a result of any date-related data Year 2000 issues.
- F. <u>Compliance With Applicable Laws</u>. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable licenses and permit requirements.
- G. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.
 - 1) Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.

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2) Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

8. State's Contractual Remedies.

A. <u>Right to Assurance</u>. If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the Contract.

B. Stop Work Order.

- The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.
- 2) If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.
- C. <u>Non-exclusive Remedies</u>. The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.
- D. <u>Nonconforming Tender</u>. Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.
- E. <u>Right of Offset</u>. The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

9. Contract Termination.

A. <u>Cancellation for Conflict of Interest.</u> Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on

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behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.

- B. <u>Gratuities</u>. The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- C. <u>Suspension or Debarment</u>. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the Contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the Contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the Contractor shall immediately notify the State.
- D. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>. The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the State without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

E. Termination for Default.

- In addition to the rights reserved in the Contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.
- 2) Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.
- The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

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- F. <u>Continuation of Performance Through Termination</u>. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.
- **10. Contract Claims**. All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.
- **11. Arbitration.** The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this Contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

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- **1. Definition of Terms Used in these Special Instructions.** As used in these instructions, the following terms, in addition to those terms defined in Section 2, Paragraph 1, have the following meaning:
 - A. "ADE" means the Arizona Department of Education.
 - B. "Department" means the Arizona Department of Education.
- **2. Required Information.** The following shall be submitted concurrent with and as part of the Offer:
 - A. Offer and Contract Award Form;
 - B. Contract Administration; Section 2 Paragraphs 19 and 20.
 - C. Attachment 6.1, Prices;
 - D. Attachment 6.2, Offeror's References;
 - E. Attachment 6.3, Offeror's Organization;
 - F. Attachment 6.4, Offeror's Personnel Qualifications;
 - G. Attachment 6.5, Offeror's Financial Disclosure;
 - H. Attachment 6.6, Sole Proprietor Certificate (if necessary);
 - I. Attachment 6.7, Offeror's Checklist; and
 - J. Solicitation Amendments (if any).
- 3. Authorized Signature.
 - A. For any document that requires the Offeror's signature, the signature provided must be that of the Owner, Partner or Corporate Officer duly authorized to sign contractual agreements. Additionally, if requested by ADE, disclosure of ownership information shall be submitted.

1) Privately Owned: The Owner must sign the contract.

2) Partnership: A Partner must sign the contract.

3) Corporation: A Corporate Officer must sign the contract.

- B. If a person other than these specified individuals signs the contract, a Power of Attorney indicating the employee's authority must accompany the contract. All addenda to the contract shall be signed by the authorized individual who signed the contract except that they may be signed by a duly authorized designee.
- **4. Proposal Opening:** As this is a Request For Proposals, Offers shall be opened publicly at the time and place designated on the cover page of this document. The name of each offeror shall be read publicly and recorded. Prices will not be read. Proposals will not be subject to public inspection until after Contract award.

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5. Award of Contract. Award of a contract will be made to the most responsible Offeror(s) whose offer(s) is determined to be the most advantageous to the State based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the Solicitation.

6. Inclusive Offeror:

Offeror(s) are encouraged to make every effort to utilize subcontractors that are small, women-owned and/or minority owned business enterprises. Offerors who are committing a portion of their work to such subcontractors shall do so by identifying the type of service and work to be performed by providing detail concerning your organization's utilization of small, women-owned and/or minority business enterprises. Emphasis should be placed on specific areas that are subcontracted and percentage of contract utilization and how this effort will be administered and managed, including reporting requirements.

7. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act:

By submission of the offer, the offeror warrants that both it and all proposed subcontractors are and shall remain in compliance with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees. The State may, at its sole discretion require evidence of compliance during the evaluation process. Should the State request evidence of compliance, the offeror shall have 5 days from receipt of the request to supply adequate information. Failure to comply with this instruction or failure to supply requested information within the timeframe specified shall result in the offer not being considered for contract award.

8. Offer Format and Content.

- A. One clearly marked original and Five (5) copies of offer(s) shall be submitted. Subcategories of information in each of the volumes should be highlighted for ease of evaluating the information contained therein. If the Offeror finds it necessary to take exception(s) to any of the requirements specified in this Solicitation, clearly indicate each such exception in the proposal along with a complete explanation of why the exception was taken and what benefit accrues to the State thereby. All substantive exceptions and supporting rationale shall be identified as such and consolidated into one section of the Offer.
- B. To facilitate evaluation, the Offer must be specific, and complete to clearly and fully demonstrate the Offeror has a thorough understanding of the requirement, can provide detailed information and relate experience concerning previous performance of similar services. Statements that the Offeror understands, can or will comply with the Scope of Work, statements paraphrasing the Scope of Work or parts thereof, and phrases such as "standard procedures will be employed" or "well-known techniques will be used", etc., will be considered unacceptable. Offerors should note that data previously submitted shall not be relied upon nor incorporated in the Offer by reference.
- C. <u>Binding and Labeling</u>. Each copy of the Offer shall be presented in three ring binders with the cover indicating the Solicitation number, the Offeror's name and address and copy number (i.e. Copy 2 of 4).

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- D. <u>Indexing</u>. The sections of each copy of the Offer shall be indexed to indicate the applicable parts and elements. Orderliness of the Offer, readability and similar factors should be considered in offer preparation.
- E. <u>Format</u>. The mandatory information to be placed in each copy of the Offer is listed below. Each copy shall furnish sections for information discussed in the Scope of Work. <u>Lack of these</u> submissions may cause the Offer to be declared unacceptable.
 - 1) Section One of the Offer shall be titled **Executive Summary**. This Section shall include a signed copy of the Offer and Award Form and completed Attachments 6.1, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6 (if applicable) and 6.7 (if applicable).
 - 2) Section Two of the Offer shall be titled <u>Method of Approach and Implementation Plan</u> and shall provide a narrative on the methodology to be used to accomplish Scope of Work tasks to the extent possible for evaluation purposes. The language of the narrative should be straightforward and limited to facts, solutions to problems and proposed plans of action. The narrative should, at a minimum;
 - a Describe the plan to conduct a comprehensive statewide needs assessment and include <u>all</u> activities described in the scope of work.
 - b Describe the plan to collaborate with existing AT service delivery models to gain information and form partnerships that would evolve into statewide cooperative and collaborative opportunities.
 - c Describe the plan to provide distance learning opportunities using a strategy with proven success. Include the range of course offerings, strategies to train persons in outlying areas, ways to realistically include face to face and online trainings and collaboration with ongoing statewide activities as described in the scope of work.
 - d Describe potential solutions for a statewide buying plan that might include other Arizona agencies and/or intrastate buying power (with other Departments of Education) to reduce the costs to the public education agencies.
 - e Describe a model for an infrastructure to build statewide capacity for AT service delivery. This should include increasing knowledge about AT for everyone, developing and using consortiums where applicable, identifying regional and state experts and providing opportunities for local access to this hierarchy of AT Specialists. This infrastructure could include out of state expertise.
 - Describe the process for developing a proposed business plan for AT service delivery. AT training and resource is currently provided to the public education agencies free of charge. Describe a methodology to assess this delivery and consider alternate processes that will encourage greater commitment from the public education agencies without causing them undue financial hardship. Cite business plans employed by other states and reflect on the success and barriers.
 - 3) Section Three of the Offer shall be titled <u>Offeror's Experience</u>, <u>Expertise and Reliability</u> and shall provide information which reflects the Offeror's experience and reliability,

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including personnel, to accomplish Scope of Work responsibilities. This Section shall specifically address or include:

- a. Three (3) verifiable professional references must be provided regarding services provided by the Offeror similar to those required under this Solicitation. This information should be provided on Attachment 6.2.
- b. Personnel qualifications, Attachment 6.4
- **9. Evaluation and Selection.** Evaluation of offers may be accomplished in four steps.
 - A. <u>Step One</u>. Initial review of offer to determine basic responsiveness to the Solicitation, where offers will be reviewed to insure they include all required information.
 - B. <u>Step Two</u>. Evaluation of offer to assess the Offeror's capability to deliver the required services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Solicitation and requirements of the Scope of Work.
 - C. <u>Step Three</u>. (Optional) Discussions with Offerors concerning their offers. This step includes requests for Final Proposal Revisions from Offerors still considered susceptible of winning contract award(s).
 - D. <u>Step Four</u>. Contract award(s) made to the responsive and responsible Offeror(s) whose offer(s) is determined to be the most advantageous to the State, based on the following criteria (in bold print), which are listed in descending order of importance below:
 - 1) Demonstration of a realistic plan to accomplish the scope of work
 - Offeror's experience and capacity to 1) conduct a statewide needs assessment, 2) interpret the data and 3) compile a written report with recommendations for a statewide service delivery model. This will be aligned to the AT Leadership Focus Group's vision and reflective of the PEAs perceived needs of strengths, weakness and needs for AT capacity building. It will reflect the described infrastructure for access to AT assistance and interagency collaboration.
 - 3) Offeror's experience and capacity to provide a hybrid of face to face and distance learning opportunities from date of contract award to June 30, 2006. Plan to gather data and make recommendations for a business plan to provide statewide AT service delivery.
 - 4) Offeror's experience and capacity to provide a statewide buying plan.
 - 5) Offeror's experience and capacity to develop a business plan for AT service delivery.
 - 6) Budget Proposal.
- 10. Evaluation of Optional Terms. ADE will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate ADE to exercise the option(s).

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11. **Discussions.** In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2534, after the initial receipt of offers, ADE reserves the option to conduct discussions with those Offerors who submit offers determined by the State to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

12. Final Proposal Revisions.

- A. In the event the Procurement Officer determines discussions are required, discussions on the areas, items, and factors specified in this Solicitation will be held with all Offerors determined to be in the competitive range.
- B. The Offeror is permitted to make revisions during negotiations. Offerors should be aware that a complete understanding as to pricing, technical, and all other terms and conditions of the proposed contract must exist between the Offeror and ADE at the conclusion of negotiations.
- C. Discussions will be concluded when a mutual understanding has been reached with each Offeror remaining in the competitive range. This mutual understanding will become the basis for the Offeror's Final Proposal Revision.
- D. The Final Proposal Revision must be returned, signed and dated by the Offeror within the time and date specified to be eligible for award.
- 13. Certificate of Insurance Form. ADE recommends that the Offeror consider using the sample Certificate of Insurance included in this Solicitation as Exhibit 7.1. If the Offeror wishes, it may submit a substantially similar Certificate of Insurance. If the Offeror so elects, the proposed Certificate of Insurance shall be submitted to ADE for review and approval.

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- 1. **Definition of Terms.** As used in these Instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:
 - A. "Attachment" means any item the Solicitation requires an Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
 - B. "Contract" means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Final Proposal Revisions; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments; and any terms applied by law.
 - C. "Contract Amendment" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
 - D. "Contractor" means any person who has a contract with the State.
 - E. "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
 - F. "Exhibit" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
 - G. "Offer" means bid, proposal or quotation.
 - H. "Offeror" means a vendor who responds to a Solicitation.
 - I. "Procurement Officer" means the person duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract or his or her designee.
 - J. "Solicitation" means an Invitation for Bids ("IFB"), a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), or a Request for Quotations ("RFQ").
 - K. "Solicitation Amendment" means a written document that is authorized by the Procurement Officer and issued for the purpose of making changes to the Solicitation.
 - L. "Subcontract" means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
 - M. "State" means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

2. Inquiries.

- A. <u>Duty to Examine</u>. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing (inquiries), and examine its Offer for accuracy before submitting the Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be a grounds for modifying or withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time, nor shall it give rise to any Contract claim.
- B. <u>Solicitation Contact Person</u>. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation, shall be directed solely to the Solicitation contact person. The Offeror shall not contact or direct inquiries concerning this Solicitation to any other State employee unless the Solicitation specifically identifies a person other than the Solicitation contact person as a contact.

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- C. <u>Submission of Inquiries</u>. The Procurement Officer or the person identified in the Solicitation as the contact for inquiries may, except at the Pre-Offer Conference, require that an inquiry be submitted in writing. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation shall refer to the appropriate Solicitation number, page and paragraph. Do not place the Solicitation number on the outside of the envelope containing that inquiry, since it may then be identified as an Offer and not be opened until after the Offer due date and time. The State shall consider the relevancy of the inquiry but is not required to respond in writing.
- D. <u>Timeliness</u>. Any inquiry or exception to the Solicitation shall be submitted as soon as possible and at least seven days before the Offer due date and time for review and determination by the State. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being considered for a Solicitation Amendment.
- E. <u>No Right to Rely on Verbal Responses</u>. An Offeror shall not rely on verbal responses to inquiries. A verbal reply to an inquiry does not constitute a modification of the Solicitation.
- F. <u>Solicitation Amendments</u>. The Solicitation shall only be modified by a Solicitation Amendment.
- G. Pre-Offer Conference. If a pre-Offer Conference has been scheduled under this Solicitation, the date, time and location shall appear on the Solicitation cover sheet or elsewhere in the Solicitation. Offerors should raise any questions about the Solicitation or the procurement at that time. An Offeror may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the Conference. Material issues raised at the Conference that result in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a written Solicitation Amendment.
- H. <u>Persons With Disabilities</u>. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Solicitation contact person. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

3. Offer Preparation.

- A. <u>Forms: No Facsimile or Telegraphic Offers.</u> An Offer shall be submitted either on the forms provided in this Solicitation or their substantial equivalent. Any substitute document for the forms provided in this Solicitation must be legible and contain the same information requested on the forms unless the Solicitation indicates otherwise. A facsimile, telegraphic, mailgram or electronic mail Offer shall be rejected if submitted in response to requests for proposals or invitations for bids.
- B. <u>Typed or Ink; Corrections</u>. The Offer shall be typed or in ink. Erasures, interlineations or other modifications in the Offer shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the Offer. Modifications shall not be permitted after Offers have been opened except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
- C. <u>Evidence of Intent to be Bound</u>. The Offer and Acceptance form within the Solicitation shall be submitted with the Offer and shall include a signature (or acknowledgement for electronic submissions, when authorized) by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Offeror's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of an intent to be bound, such as an original signature, shall result in rejection of the Offer.
- D. <u>Exceptions to Terms and Conditions</u>. All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Offer in which the Offeror clearly identifies the specific

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paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically accepted by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Offeror's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the State as a part of any resulting Contract.

- 1) Invitation for Bids: An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, shall be rejected.
- 2) Request for Proposals: All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively affect the State's proposal evaluation based on the evaluation criteria as stated in the Solicitation, or result in rejection of the Offer. An Offer that takes exception to any material requirement of the Solicitation may be rejected.
- E. <u>Subcontracts</u>. Offeror shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Offer.
- F. <u>Cost of Offer Preparation</u>. The State will not reimburse any Offeror the cost of responding to a Solicitation.
- G. <u>Solicitation Amendments</u>. Each Solicitation Amendment shall be signed with an original signature by the person signing the Offer, and shall be submitted no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to return a signed copy of a Solicitation Amendment may result in rejection of the Offer.
- H. <u>Federal Excise Tax</u>. The State of Arizona is exempt from certain Federal Excise Tax on manufactured goods. Exemption Certificates will be provided by the State.
- Provision of Tax Identification Numbers. Offerors are required to provide their Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Number and/or Federal Tax Identification number in the space provided on the Offer and Acceptance Form.
 - 1) <u>Employee Identification</u>. Offeror agrees to provide an employee identification number or social security number to the Department for the purposes of reporting to appropriate taxing authorities, monies paid by the Department under this Contract. If the federal identifier of the Offeror is a social security number, this number is being requested solely for tax reporting purposes and will be shared only with appropriate state and federal officials. This submission is mandatory under 26 U.S.C. § 6041A.
- J. <u>Identification of Taxes in Offer</u>. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. All applicable taxes shall be included in the pricing offered in the Solicitation. At all times, payment of taxes and the determination of applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- K. <u>Disclosure</u>. If the firm, business or person submitting this Offer has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any Federal, state or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Offeror shall fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Offeror shall include a letter with its Offer setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or

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debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above shall be provided.

- L. <u>Solicitation Order of Precedence</u>. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of this Solicitation, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
 - 1) Special Terms and Conditions;
 - 2) Uniform Terms and Conditions;
 - Statement or Scope of Work;
 - 4) Specifications;
 - 5) Attachments;
 - Exhibits;
 - 7) Special Instructions to Offerors;
 - 8) Uniform Instructions to Offerors;
 - 9) Other documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- M. <u>Delivery</u>. Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all delivery and unloading at the destination(s).

4. Submission of Offer.

- A. <u>Sealed Envelope or Package</u>. Each Offer shall be submitted to the submittal location identified in this Solicitation. Offers should be submitted in a sealed envelope or container. The envelope or container should be clearly identified with name of the Offeror and Solicitation number. The State may open envelopes or containers to identify contents if the envelope or container is not clearly identified.
- B. <u>Offer Amendment or Withdrawal</u>. An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the Offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
- C. <u>Public Record</u>. All Offers submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the State. Offers shall be open to public inspection after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State. If an Offeror believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, it shall indicate as confidential, the specific information and submit a statement with its Offer detailing the reasons that the information should not be disclosed. Such reasons shall include the specific harm or prejudice which may arise. The State shall determine whether the identified information is confidential pursuant to the Arizona Procurement Code.
- D. <u>Non-collusion, Employment, and Services</u>. By signing the Offer and Acceptance Form or other official contract form, the Offeror certifies that:
 - 1) The Offeror did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its Offer; and

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The Offeror does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with all applicable Federal, state and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

5. Evaluation.

- A. <u>Unit Price Prevails</u>. Where applicable, in the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.
- B. <u>Prompt Payment Discount</u>. Prompt payment discounts of thirty (30) days or more set forth in an Offer shall be deducted from the Offer for the purposes of evaluating that price.
- C. Late Offers. An Offer submitted after the exact Offer due date and time shall be rejected.
- D. <u>Disqualification</u>. An Offer (including each of its principals) who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity shall have its Offer rejected.
- E. Offer Acceptance Period. An Offeror submitting an Offer under this Solicitation shall hold its Offer open for the number of days from the Offer due date that is stated in the Solicitation. If the Solicitation does not specifically state a number of days for Offer acceptance, the number of days shall be one hundred-twenty (120). If a Final Proposal Revision is requested pursuant to a Request for Proposals, an Offeror shall hold its Offer open for one hundred-twenty (120) days from the Final Proposal Revision due date.
- F. <u>Waiver and Rejection Rights</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Solicitation, the State reserves the right to:
 - 1) Waive any minor informality;
 - 2) Reject any and all Offers or portions thereof; or
 - 3) Cancel a Solicitation.

6. Award.

- A. <u>Number or Types of Awards</u>. The State reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, or regional awards, whichever is most advantageous to the State. If the Procurement Officer determines that an aggregate award to one Offeror is <u>not</u> in the State's best interest, "all or none" Offers shall be rejected.
- B. <u>Contract Inception</u>. An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Offeror to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by the Procurement Officer's signature on the Offer and Acceptance Form. A notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer.
- C. <u>Effective Date</u>. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date that the Procurement Officer signs the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, unless another date is specifically stated in the Contract.

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- 7. **Protests.** A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with both the Procurement Officer of the purchasing agency and with the Enterprise Procurement Administrator. A protest of a Solicitation shall be received by the Procurement Officer before the Offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows or should have known the basis of the protest. A protest shall include:
 - A. The name, address and telephone number of the protester;
 - B. The signature of the protester or its representative;
 - C. Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;
 - D. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and
 - E. The form of relief requested.
- **8. Comments Welcome.** The Enterprise Procurement Services Office periodically reviews the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: Enterprise Procurement Administrator, Enterprise Procurement Services Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

ATTACHMENT 6.1

Provide the following as described in the Scope of Work:

- 1. Comprehensive statewide needs assessment with all activities, data collection and reports (including collaboration with ongoing Arizona programs);
- **2.** Utilize ongoing (or create, adapt, etc.) online environments to provide AT training to the persons in the underserved outlying areas of Arizona;
- 3. Organize statewide buying opportunities; and
- **4.** Design a business plan that is financially self sustaining and does not cause undue expense to the PEAs.

	Subtotal	\$
	%* Arizona Sales Tax, State and City*	\$
	Total Offer \$	
· ·	calendar days after acceptance of goods and/or discounted by%. (Refer to Uniform Ins	•

Notice: If the transaction privilege (sales) taxes are not described and itemized on the offer, the State will assume that the price(s) offered includes all applicable taxes.

OFFEROR'S REFERENCES

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OFFERORS SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF <u>THREE</u> (3) REFERENCES.

Comp	pany/Organization		
A.	Address		
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C.	Description of Services and When Provided		
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OFFEROR'S ORGANIZATION

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Offerors shall complete each item, using attachments where necessary. Attachments shall indicate the item number and heading being referenced as it appears below. Failure to make full and complete disclosure may result in the rejection of offers as unresponsive.

1.	Administrative Agent	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Is the Offeror acting as an administrative agent for any other agency, firm, or governmental agency? (If YES, provide a description of the relationship in both, legal and functional aspects.)	[]	[]
2.	Civil Rights Compliance Data		
	Has any Federal or State agency ever made a finding of noncompliance with any relevant civil rights requirements with respect to the Offeror's business activities? (If YES, provide an explanation.)	[]	[]
3.	Prior Felony Conviction(s)		
	Has the Offeror, its major stockholders with a controlling interest, or its officers been the subject of criminal investigations or prosecutions or convicted of a felony? (If YES, provide an explanation.)	0	[]
4.	Suspension or Exclusion from Federal or State Program(s)		
	Has the Offeror ever been suspended or excluded from any Federal or State Government program for any reason? (If YES, provide an explanation.)	0	0
5.	Does the Offeror have sufficient funds to meet obligations on time under the contract while awaiting payment from ADE? (If NO, provide an explanation.)	[]	
6.	Have any licenses ever been denied, revoked or suspended or provision-		[]
	[] ally issued within the past five (5) years? (If YES, provide an explanation.)		
7.	Has the Offeror or the Offeror's firm terminated any contracts, had any contracts terminated, or been involved in contract lawsuits? (If YES, provide an explanation.)	0	[]
8.	Does the Offeror, its staff, relatives, or voting members of the Board of Directors maintain any ownership's, employment's, public and private affiliations or relationships which may have substantial interest (as defined in A.R.S. 38-502, Conflict of Interest) in any contract, sale, purchase, or service involving ADE? (If YES, provide a full explanation of the situation.)		0

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(Street Number)			
(City and State)	(Zip Code)	-	
(Telephone Number)	(Fax Number)	-	
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OFFEROR'S PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete a separate resume, specifically addressing each of the items listed below, for each person who will be proposed to fill the required positions as listed below. If attachments are used, indicate the item number and heading being referenced as it appears below. Attach to each form, the person's resume, current job description, and position(s) for which the person is proposed.

1.

2.

Name of Person.

Proposed position for contract service.

3.	Position currently held in firm	[] []	Owner/Partner Other
4.	Number of years with firm.		
5.	Number of years of consulting experien	ce withir	n the established labor category.
6.	Summarize the experience of the above	e-named	person in the areas outlined in the Scope of Work.
7.	Describe any related education and affiliation(s).	training	(identify degree(s), certification(s), license(s), and professiona
8.	Specify any area(s) of		_consulting expertise.
9.	Based on the area(s) of expertise specin terms of providing the services require		Paragraph 6, above, identify the primary function(s) of this person is solicitation.
10.	Indicate the percentage of time this p solicitation.	erson V	VILL be assigned to work under any contract resulting from this

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Complete each item, using attachments where necessary. If attachments are used, indicate the item number and question being referenced as it appears below.

			<u>YES</u>	NC			
1.		ne Offeror's accounting records maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted unting Principles (GAAP)?	[]	[]			
2.	Does	Does the Offeror have an accounting manual?					
3	Does the Offeror's firm prepare a public annual financial statement? (If YES, provide a copy of the MOST RECENT annual financial statement with proposal.)						
4.		the Offeror's firm have interim financial statements prepared? ES, specify how often.)	[]	[]			
5.		e Offeror's firm audited by an independent auditor? ES, answer A thru D below.)	[]	[]			
	A.	How often are audits conducted?					
	B.	By whom are they conducted:					
	C.	Provide a copy of the Offeror's most recent audit report and corresponding financial statements. Include reports of Internal Control and Compliance with Federal/Local regulations, if applicable.					
	D.	Does the Offeror's firm have any uncorrected audit exceptions?	[]	[]			
6.		the Offeror's firm have a formal basis to allocate indirect costs charged to this Contract? ES, submit a copy of the allocation plan with proposal.)	[]	[]			
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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION

1818 WEST ADAMS PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007 FAX 542-1982

SOLE PROPRIETOR WAIVER

THIS FORM APPLIES ONLY TO STATE OF ARIZONA AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND NOTE: UNIVERSITIES UTILIZING SOLE PROPRIETORS WITH NO EMPLOYEES. IF YOU ARE CONTRACTING WITH A CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP OR SOLE PROPRIETORS WITH EMPLOYEES. THIS FORM DOES NOT APPLY. The following is a written waiver under the compulsory Workers' Compensation laws of the State of Arizona, A.R.S. §23-901 (et. seq.), and specifically, A.R.S. §23-961(L), that provides that a Sole Proprietor may waive his/her rights to Workers' Compensation coverage and benefits. I am a sole proprietor and I am doing business as of Sole Proprietors Business). I am performing work as an independent contractor for the State of Arizona, , for Workers' Compensation purposes, and therefore, I am not entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits from the State of Arizona, I understand that if I have any employees working for me, I must maintain Workers' Compensation insurance on them. Name of Sole Proprietor: Social Security Number: Telephone #: Street Address/P.O. Box: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ City: ____ Signature of Sole Proprietor: Agency: Arizona Department of Education______ Agency #:____455_____ Signature of Agency Contract Administrator: Date: Both signatures must be signed and the completed form submitted to the State of Arizona, Department of Administration, Risk Management Section, Insurance Unit, 1818 W. Adams, Phoenix, Az 85007. An authorized Risk Management Representative will sign and return to the agency to be maintained in their records.

Date

Signature of Risk Management Authorized Signer

ATTACHMENT 6.7 BUSINESS OWNERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED INFORMATION IS FOR DATA COLLECTION PURPOSES ONLY

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OFFEROR'S CHECKLIST SOLICITATION No. ED06-0031

Instructions: Offerors must submit the items listed below. In the column titled "Offeror's Page #", the Offeror must enter the appropriate page number(s) from its Proposal where the ADE evaluators may find the Offeror's response to that requirement.

Required Item	Solicitation Reference:	Offeror's Proposal Page #:
Offer and Award Form Signed	Page 1	
Contract Administration	Section 2. ¶¶ 19 & 20	
3. Offeror's Prices	Attachment 6.1	
4. Offeror's References	Attachment 6.2	
5. Offeror's Organization	Attachment 6.3	
Offeror's Personnel Qualifications	Attachment 6.4	
7. Offeror's Financial Disclosure	Attachment 6.5	
8. Sole Proprietor Certificate Waiver (if necessary)	Attachment 6.6	
Business Ownership Classifications	Attachment 6.7	
10 State of Arizona Substitute W-9 Form	Attachment 6.8	
11. Offeror's Checklist	Attachment 6.9	

EXHIBIT 7.1



CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

CONTRACT NO. ED06-0031

VENDOR:

Name and Address of Insurance Agency::

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROCUREMENT SECTION 1535 WEST JEFFERSON, Bin 37 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007 (602) 364-2517

Companies Affording Coverage:

Prior to commencing services under this Contract, the Contractor must furnish the State, certification from insurer(s) for coverages in the minimum amounts as stated below. The coverages shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Contract and shall not serve to limit any liabilities or any other Contractor obligations.

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EXHIBIT 7.2

Vision & Ongoing Services

The Arizona Assistive Technology Leadership Focus group has defined its mission as follows: Facilitate the implementation of a system of training and technical assistance that increases the capacity of the system to meet the assistive technology needs of every student and integrates the use of AT to enable continuing educational and academic successes and achievements. All students will have access to the tools, strategies and professional expertise to accomplish the IEP goals, general curriculum and the state standards. Time, resources and personnel are available to meet this need. Knowledgeable school based teams will have the capacity to assess students' present level of educational performance, understand students' strengths, needs and learning styles, recognize gaps in learning to understand when alternate teaching strategies need to be employed and explore potential AT solutions as appropriate. AT will be infused in the classrooms with appropriate support. The process includes thoughtful consideration and documentation of AT in each student's IEP, data collection and ongoing review of need for alternate strategies. The IEP teams will access available resources consistent with student needs and needs for professional development in AT. An organized group of 'AT experts' (support teams) at the district, consortium, regional and, statewide level will assist the student, family and school based teams. These AT Specialists will build the capacity of those in the field to meet the technology needs of the children they serve. The Arizona AT service delivery model will be promoted as an integrated, traditional, functional classroom teaching strategy. There will be guidelines, policies and procedures to ensure that all students have the technology they need and the support personnel have knowledge to infuse the products and strategies into every day teaching. There will not be artificial barriers to student achievement.

There are activities in place provided by another contracted agency to provide Assistive Technology training, technical assistance and resource for face to face programs centralized around the metropolitan areas:

Training:

- Face to face foundations level classes offered 3 times/year in Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff (approximately 5 locations three times 2005-2006 school year). It is anticipated that 20-40 persons will participate in each 16 hour series of foundations level classes.
- Face to Face Core level classes of classes. Topics include 1) Assistive Technology for Language
 Arts (Reading and Writing), 2) Assistive Technology for Math, 3) ABCs of Augmentative
 Communication, 4) Kids and Computers: Computer Access by Students (including motor tasks), 5)
 Alternate Access to the Curriculum for Students with Significant Challenges, and 6) Quick and
 Easy: Computer Strategies for Educators Behind the Scenes. Guided labs are scheduled twice
 monthly to allow participants to explore products and strategies introduced in the core classes.
- In-depth concentration classes are requested by the PEAs and may c\support implementation of AT strategies in the classroom.
- Three demonstration/teaching classrooms are supported under the ongoing contract funded by the Arizona Department of Education. The anticipated outcomes, based on the classroom educational plan, includes better outcomes for students and strategies to use these classrooms as models for training (including videos, classroom visits, presentations on strategies enhancing student achievement, etc.) statewide.
- Three PEAs will be targeted to analyze their AT service delivery system according to the
 Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology. This will represent districts that do not have an AT
 Team, have an expert model AT team and an AT Team whose target is to build capacity. The
 goal for these activities is to assist the districts to advance on e step towards best practice on
 one of the quality indicators.

EXHIBIT 7.2

Vendors are encouraged to provide trainings on the technical aspects of their products. Ongoing
face to face trainings address implementation in the classroom and alignment of the strategies to
the curriculum and standards.

Technical Assistance and Resource:

- An extensive Assistive Technology inventory can be accessed in Phoenix, Flagstaff and Tucson. This includes information about strategies, training materials, teaching materials, books, references, conference proceedings, periodicals, research and low tech through high tech hardware and software. The activities of the resource center include, but are not limited to the following: 1) An AT Specialist is available to ensure that school based teams can have their questions answered and needs met in a timely manner (one Specialist can address needs for all Provide two week loan library with current hardware, regional centers on a given day), 2) software and educational/reference materials. This is intended for student or classroom exploration or professional development. Every effort is made to make the product available within two weeks of request if the product is not available or in the inventory, 3) extended loans of obsolete devices and materials are available, 4) Ongoing support is provided during the loan period including technical assistance, professional implementation suggestions, assistance with implementation in classrooms, guidance in record keeping and data collection during product exploration, etc. 5) Support materials including quick guides, strategy and activity suggestions, phone numbers for technical assistance, etc. accompany the loan, 6) Calls to the toll free phone hot line to answer inquiries about products, strategies and brainstorming/problem solving are targeted for return within one business day, 7) Open and guided labs. Provide ongoing support to school based teams and 8) Resource center will be open staggered hours six days a week.
- Networking and interest groups meet in the three regions for collegial dialogue, problem solving, professional development and creative problem solving.
- Ongoing efforts promote the heightened awareness of AT in Arizona.